

Appl. No. 09/753,470
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IN THE DRAWINGS

In accordance with Examiner's suggestions, Applicant has amended Fig. 1 as suggested.

Please accept the attached replacement page.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, claims 1, 9, 14, 18, 41, 49, 58 and 81 have been amended. Claims 1-81 are pending in the application.

In paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, Fig. 1 was objected to.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended Fig. 1 as suggested.

In paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 9 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended claims 9 and 49 to overcome the rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 9 and 49 do not narrow the scope of the claims.

In paragraph 6 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-17, 37-48, 50-57 and 77-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gase.

In paragraph 7 on page 8 of the Office Action, claims 18-36 and 58-76 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that Gase fails to disclose the invention as recited in the amended claims.

Gase discloses a printer that provides a printer with remote print queue control. A server procedure enables transfer of files from the network printer over the network and a browser procedure that enables retrieval of files from client processors over the network. The server procedure provides a home page. To obtain a web page illustrating the jobs queued on job queue, the user clicks on job's button which causes a request message to be transmitted back to

the printer, with a code indicating a request to provide the "job's list" page. The home page provides data regarding the properties of printer, such as its WWW address, capabilities, whether it is on-line, etc. The home page also provides further virtual buttons that enable a linking to other pages and provide a capability to cause the printer to: respond with its properties; come on-line; provide a listing of jobs that are present on job queue; provide a diagnostic procedure for remotely diagnosing a problem within printer; and provide further configuration information.

However, Gase does not disclose, teach or suggest a job monitor for managing the repository of attributes and status information associated with each print job. Gase does not suggest a job monitor that responds to a call by a printer component. Further, Gase does not suggest a job monitor that manages interactions between printer components in order to control the processing of print jobs. Rather, Gase merely provides a queue, a queue controller and the web page as described above. While Gase provides information concerning print job status to a user, Gase does not suggest a job monitor that manages a repository of print job attributes, respond to calls by a printer component or manage interactions between printer components in order to control the processing of print jobs.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 41 and 81 are patentable over Gase.

Dependent claims 2-40 and 42-80 are also patentable over the references, because they incorporate all of the limitations of the corresponding independent claims 1 and 41 - respectively. Further dependent claims 2-40 and 42-80 recite additional novel elements and limitations. Applicants reserve the right to argue independently the patentability of these additional novel aspects. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-40 and 42-80 are patentable over the cited references.

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On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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